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## Marion County Prosecutor's Office recognizes Butler University as 2015 Crime Fighter of the Year

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry has announced that Butler University has been recognized as the 2015 recipient of the Prosecutor's Crime Fighter of the Year Award. The award was presented today by Prosecutor Curry on behalf of the Marion County Prosecutor's Office to Butler University Chief of Staff and Executive Director of Public Safety Ben Hunter, Assistant Professor Dr. Brandie Oliver and Butler University Police Department Detective Bruce Allee. The presentation took place at the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual National Night Out Kick-Off and Crime Fighter of the Year Award Ceremony hosted by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.



Prosecutor Curry said Butler University was chosen for the school's work in improving the success of youth and families by addressing truancy, bullying, and through other crime prevention initiatives.

"We thank Butler University for the school's history of community support and improving the lives of Marion County residents," Prosecutor Curry commented. "The Marion County Prosecutor's Office is honored to recognize Butler University and President James M. Danko, the Butler University Police Department, and Dr. Brandie Oliver with the 2015 Crime Fighter of the Year Award."

"We're proud of the work that Dr. Oliver and Detective Allee have done," Hunter said. "Indianapolis is our home, and Butler's home, and we want to do whatever we can to make this a world-class city."

In 2013, Butler University partnered with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office to present the "End Bullying Now" forum. The event provided an opportunity for experts to educate parents, caregivers and educators on the educational, legal and psychological effects of bullying. Prosecutor Curry said his staff has utilized this information in the office's outreach efforts with young people across the county, sharing solutions for prevention and

intervention in bullying through the office's CyberSafe program for students and their parents.

Butler University and Dr. Oliver have also been instrumental in efforts to address truancy in Marion County. Recognizing that truancy often is a result of other family issues, the Marion County Prosecutor's Office set the goal of finding productive consequences for children who do attend school regularly and their parents. Dr. Oliver and Butler graduate students created and implemented a four-part parenting class that was court ordered as a condition of a diversion agreement for parents. Butler students also created and implemented a program for middle school students who were truant from school.

Butler University Police Department was recognized for implementing a successful anti-alcohol diversion program for university students, spearheaded by Detective Bruce Allee. Minor alcohol offenses by students on campus can be addressed through a pre-diversion program which requires students to participate in an impact panel and community service.

To learn more about Butler University, please visit [www.butler.edu](http://www.butler.edu). For more information on the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, visit [www.Indy.gov/MCPO](http://www.Indy.gov/MCPO).

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*PHOTO CAPTION: Butler University was presented with the Crime Fighter of the Year Award at the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual National Night Out Kick-Off Ceremony hosted by IMPD on August 4, 2015. The award was presented to University Chief of Staff and Executive Director of Public Safety Ben Hunter, Assistant Professor Dr. Brandie Oliver and Butler University Police Department Detective Bruce Allee by Deputy Prosecutor Ryan Mears, Supervisor of the Major Felony Division.*